

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1872.

How "Chromes" are Made—Interesting Particulars.

The reader probably understands how a lithograph print is produced. The picture to be copied is accurately drawn upon a peculiar stone, with a crayon containing oil. The stone is then wet, but the water, while wetting all the rest of the stone, will not adhere to the portions containing the ink. An ink-roller is run over the stone, leaving more ink on every point and line where the ink-picture is already on it. Thick paper is then laid on and a powerful press applied. The paper picks off some ink, and there is left upon it a perfect copy of the original picture. The wetting and inking and pressing is repeated as many times as copies are wanted. This is for one color. Three-fourths or more of all the pictures seen on the walls of rooms throughout the country are lithographs. Many of them are really colored by hand.

To produce a Chromo (or chromolithograph) of a colored picture, like an oil painting, a large number of stones are used—from five to twenty. The portion of the painting having one shade of color is put in its proper place on the stone, with colored ink. Another stone contains another shade, and so on, and the paper being carefully printed from a succession of these stones, finally contains an exact reproduction of the original painting—when well done, so accurate that only an experienced eye can tell which is the original or which is the copy. After all the shades of colors are put on, the chromo is pressed upon a final stone so engraved and grooved that it gives the whole surface the exact appearance of a painting on real canvas. The art is now so perfected that copies of costly paintings are reproduced as beautiful as the originals, for a small sum compared with the cost of the originals. It will be seen that the great cost is in first preparing the stones. Five or six months are required to do this well, but when once done the chief cost is for the several printings required.

MOUNTING CHROMOS.

When chromos leave the printers, they are on thick heavy paper, like ordinary engravings, and they can then be framed in glass. But a great improvement is secured by carefully backing them with a very heavy hatched-board—that is, a strong, heavy pasteboard, upon which they are pressed smoothly in a powerful hydraulic press. This requires care and skill in order to have the work smooth and even, without injury to the chromo. The whole is then covered with a refined, transparent varnish, which not only brings out the colors more strongly, but preserves the surface so that it can be wiped free from dust or fly-specks, and even be washed. The chromos thus mounted can be set upon the mantel, or hung upon the wall, or be put into a frame with or without glass.—Hearth and Home.

An Admirable Surgical Operation.

Here is something for all surgeons to read and admire. It comes to us, like gold and great pearls, from California. In 1859, Luther Corey, of Santa Cruz county, had his arm broken in two places above the elbow. One of the fractures knitted and healed; the other, owing to a split of the bone being between the ends of the fracture, did not. After suffering pain, Mr. Corey went to San Francisco, and the surgeons there opened the bone from off the ends of the bones, pressing the ends together and binding the arm in splints. So they remained for eighteen months, but still the bones did not knit, and the muscles of the arm became shriveled up and useless. Then Mr. Corey applied to Dr. Lane, of San Francisco, who forthwith performed the praiseworthy little job of surgical workmanship conceivable. He opened the arm, sprang out the end of the bone, and cutting off the callous parts, he beveled the ends of the bone, so that each would lap a little over the other. He then riveted them together with a silver wire, and set the arm in a case. The bone then knitted and healed, leaving the arm two inches shorter. Mr. Corey now uses his arm at his work, and, with the limb useful again, is once more a tip-top Sawyer.—N. Y. Tribune.

Improved Method of Vaccination.

In view of the prevalence of small-pox at various points all over this country and the importance of successful vaccination, the suggestion of an English physician, Mr. Ellis, may be of some importance. This gentleman remarks that ordinary vaccination is performed by scraping off the epidermis, and thrusting the vaccine virus into a puncture made by the lancet. A greatly improved method, however, consists in first raising a small blister by a drop of cantharides applied to the skin. This is to be pricked, and the drop of fluid let out, and then a fine vaccine point put into this place, and withdrawn after a moment of delay; the epidermis falls back and quite excludes the air, shutting out any germs that may be floating in the atmosphere. This method has been practiced by Mr. Ellis for twenty years; and out of one hundred cases of vaccination which he has performed, he has never had an instance of blood-poisoning or abscess, while by the ordinary method the occurrence of secondary abscess is by no means uncommon, and that of pyemia is not infrequently observed. The comparative safety of this method is believed to be due, first, to the exclusion of the air; and second, to the lesser size of the aperture for the introduction of mischief than when the punctures are made by the lancet.

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Pistols and Coffee.

General N. B. Forrest, of Tennessee, having been accused, in public speech by Gen. Hammond, of Kansas, Missouri, of appropriating to his own use several millions of the proceeds of Alabama railroad bonds, writes to the Memphis Appeal showing the utter falsehood of the charge and concludes his letter with the following strong language:

"This is not the first time I have been personally traduced by persons who bear the title of Federal officers; and on a former occasion I have branded such charges in such terms (if there had been proper military courage to back up an insult) as afforded ample opportunity to my assailants.

I now propose to offer the same opportunity to Gen. Hammond, to whom I desire to address myself in plain and unmistakable terms, not stronger than the imputation upon me deserves, but so plain that his understanding of my meaning and purpose cannot be at fault. He is a liar, (I can use no other language to one so base), a cowardly puppy, and a scoundrel. If he owns the title of General in the Federal army, he disgraces it; and if I have anything like justice and fair dealing at the hands of the journal that published his unprovoked and wanton outrage upon me, this brand of a liar, coward and scoundrel will spread as far as his slander, and live longer. That he may be assured of my willingness to hear from him, he is notified that a letter addressed to me at Memphis will meet with attention. N. B. FORREST.

Winter Clothing.

In his experiments to determine the heat-conducting power of linen, cotton, wool, and silk, Sir Humphrey Davy found not only that these materials conducted heat in the order given above, linen being the best, but also that the tightness or looseness of weaving possessed an important influence. It is therefore evident that in the selection of winter clothing, and especially of that to be worn next to the skin, the materials of least conducting power, as wool and silk, should be chosen, and the fabrics should be loosely woven.

As regards the external garments the same rules apply with equal force, but in this case care should be taken to remove overcoats and shawls when in a warm room; especially should this precaution be observed in the instance of the fur worn by ladies. The habit of wearing these articles for hours in succession while shopping and visiting, often so weakens the powers of resistance in the wearers that they become the ready victims of inflammations of the throat and lungs. To such an extent does this occur in New York that many of the most skillful physicians advise their patients to discontinue the use of furs, and the advice is often followed with the most satisfactory results.—Scribner's.

Apples.

With most of us the value of the apple as an article of food is greatly underrated. Besides containing a large amount of sugar, mucilage, and other nutritive matter, apples contain vegetable acids, aromatic qualities, etc., which act powerfully in the capacity of refrigerants, tonics, antiseptics; and, freely used at the season of mellow ripeness, they prevent debility, indigestion, and avert, without doubt, many of the "ills which the flesh is heir to." The operatives of Cornwall consider ripe apples nearly as nourishing as bread, and far more than potatoes. In the year 1801—which was a year of much scarcity—apples, instead of being converted into cider, were sold to the poor; and the laborers asserted that they could "stand their work" on baked apples without meat, whereas potato diet required meat or other substantial nutriment. The French and Germans use apples extensively. The laborers depend upon them as an article of food, and frequently make a dinner of sliced apples and bread. There is no food cooked in so many different ways in our country as apples; nor is there any fruit the value of which, as an article of nutriment, is as great and so little appreciated.

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